

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A device for detecting an obstacle underride, comprising:  
at least one vertical distance measuring device situated on a vehicle front ~~in such a~~  
~~way~~ and configured to detect an obstacle underride, wherein the vertical distance measuring  
device measures only in a substantially vertical direction away from a vehicle underside.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the vertical distance  
measuring device includes at least one transceiver.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 11, wherein the at least one  
transceiver includes one of an ultrasonic sensor or a radar sensor.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the vertical distance  
measuring device includes at least one video sensor.

14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the vertical distance  
measuring device is situated on a bumper.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 14, wherein the at least one vertical  
distance measuring device includes four vertical distance measuring devices for carrying out  
distance measurements at four locations on the bumper distanced from one another.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the device is  
connectable to a control unit for a restraining arrangement in such a way that the control unit  
triggers the restraining arrangement as a function of a signal of the device.

17. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10, wherein the device is configured  
to sense ~~for the purpose of sensing~~ pedestrians.

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the vertical distance  
measuring device is situated on a rear bumper.

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 18, wherein the at least one vertical distance measuring device includes four vertical distance measuring devices for carrying out distance measurements at four locations on the bumper distanced from one another.

20. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 19, wherein the vertical distance measuring device includes at least one video sensor.

21. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 19, wherein the vertical distance measuring device includes at least one transceiver, wherein the at least one transceiver includes one of an ultrasonic sensor or a radar sensor.

22. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein the vertical distance measuring device includes at least one video sensor.

23. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein the vertical distance measuring device includes at least one transceiver, wherein the at least one transceiver includes one of an ultrasonic sensor or a radar sensor.